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15 August 1951 ←

BCFIEND STATUS REPORT FOR CONSULTANTS MEETING

1. Messrs [ ] and [ ] of OPC met with State Department officials on 8 August to discuss outstanding policy matters regarding Albania. It was decided to temporarily lift the ban on leaflet dropping activities to permit one leaflet drop. A leaflet replying to the leaflet attacking the NCFA which was dropped by the Yugoslavs over Albania is in the process of preparation. A copy of the English text of the leaflet as approved by the State Department is attached.

2. It was also agreed that OPC would continue its present infiltration program of agents into Albania which has as its objective establishment and maintenance of approximately 50 agents inside Albania by the end of 1951 who are being infiltrated to build resistance nets and establish contact with existing resistance organization.

See [ ] to Dick Helms -  
Diller should it not be for OSO + field intell. ops  
on ddb. - particularly in <sup>and</sup> danger of war.

Copies of memo on ddb. - [ ]  
Diller  
Give [ ]  
[ ] on a field in ddb.

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2. BGFIEND infiltration operations for 1951 are proceeding according to schedule. There follows a brief outline of successful missions to date:

- a. 1951 BGFIEND operations were opened by the infiltration of a two-man team near Kukes in Northern Albania on 19 May 1951. It received a supply drop on the night of 16-17 July. ~~plus the additional man present~~  
*drop scheduled for [redacted] 5 a.m.*
- b. On 24 July a five-man team was dropped southwest of Gjinokaster, a second five-man team was dropped between Berat and Elbasan and a four-man team was dropped northeast of Shkoder. *5 a.m.*

Two intelligence reports subsequently received indicate that the team dropped southwest of Gjinokaster was ambushed on the 27th of July by security forces. It is reported that one man was killed and two committed suicide. — *one crawling with troops, one escaped.*

- c. On 9 August 1951 a six-man team infiltrated into Albania south of Korce. — *moving toward Elbasan area (center)*

All the teams mentioned above save the six-man team infiltrated on 9 August, were parachuted from an unmarked C-47 aircraft flown by an OPC Polish crew. The six-man team walked across the border under the leadership of Hamid Matiani an Albanian resistance leader recently recruited in Greece for OPC operations.

→ To date 22 agents have been infiltrated into Albania; of this number it must be assumed that one team of four agents is present inoperative.

*18 active agents*

- 2 men Kukes*
- 5 - Berat - Elbasan*
- 4 - east of Shkoder*
- 6 - going towards Elbasan*
- 1 - Gjinokaster team*

*Br. have four teams - part in by sea.  
Two teams have reached Greece - reported ambushed & killed.  
W.T. not located. No communication.*

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3. Attempted supply drops to the team infiltrated 24 July between Berat and Elbasan failed on the nights of 11 and 12 August. The failure of the 11 August mission was due to adverse weather conditions and the 12 August failure was the result of anti-aircraft fire near the drop zone. Both light and heavy AA weapons fired on the OPC plane. No reception signals were detected at the primary or alternate drop zones. During this second attempt at resupply <sup>an</sup> ~~airborne~~ aircraft was sighted twice by the OPC plane crew in the vicinity of the AA batteries.

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4. To maintain the reservoir of potential agents at an adequate level to properly supply operational needs, it has been decided to raise the number of Albanians presently in the BGFIEND holding area from approximately 200 to 500 men. It has not been determined as yet whether this expansion will necessitate establishment of a second holding camp ~~or~~ expansion of existing facilities.

5. The BGFIEND training program under way at the covert training school in Germany is currently training its second class of agents who will be ready for infiltration in late September 1951. Training of the first class of 14 agents was completed in mid July. At present, 16 Albanians are also taking W/T training at the covert school and will be ready for action in late September.

Class - 14-17 agents - for Sept. 1951  
16 wt's

~~Outstanding~~

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6. On the political scene, the issue of broadening the National Committee has been temporarily resolved by referring the question to the <sup>General</sup> ~~Committee~~ in a memorandum which requested appointment of an impartial subcommittee to consider the ~~question~~ matter carefully and report their findings to the General Committee on 1 October. Concurrently, OPC is investigating the potential assets of Ali Klissura and Ndue Markajoni to determine their operational value to the BGFIEND Project.

Said Kryeziu, leader of the Agrarian Party, recently completed a visit to the United States and returned to Rome.